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Proposed Revision to the State Implementation Plan for Ozone for the Philadelphia Ozone Nonattainment Area; Public Hearing

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Ground-level ozone concentrations above the Federal health-based standard are a serious human health threat and can also cause damage to crops, forests and wildlife. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is seeking public comment on a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Philadelphia ozone nonattainment area (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties).

On October 26, 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the Commonwealth's One-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Philadelphia area. This approval included a requirement for the Commonwealth to revise the 2005 attainment year motor vehicle transportation conformity emissions budgets using a revised methodology (MOBILE6) to calculate vehicle highway emissions within 1 year after its release (January 29, 2002). The Commonwealth, therefore, must submit its revised budgets for the Philadelphia area to the EPA as a SIP revision by January 29, 2003.

The SIP revision will fulfill the Commonwealth's requirement to revise its existing motor vehicle emissions budgets and, once found adequate by the EPA, will establish a new 2005 motor vehicle emissions budget for the purposes of transportation conformity.

This proposal is available on the Department's website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> (choose Information by Subject/Air Quality/Ozone/Clean Air Plans) or through the following contact person.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the SIP revision on January 7, 2003, at 1 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office Hearing Room, Lee Park, 555 North Lane, Suite 6010, Conshohocken, PA.

Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearing should reserve a time by contacting Connie Cross, P. O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 787-9495. Persons who do not reserve a time will be able to testify after preregistrants. Witnesses should keep testimony to 10 minutes and should also provide two written copies of their testimony at the hearing. Persons with a disability who wish to attend the hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Wick Havens at the previous telephone number. TDD users may contact the AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 to discuss how the Department can best accommodate their needs.

Written comments should be sent to Wick Havens, Chief, Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Quality, P. O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468 by

January 10, 2003.

DAVID E. HESS,
Secretary

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